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## **BOIL WATER ORDER FOR RANCHO DEL CAMPO**

### ***Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply***

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health issued a Boil Water Order this afternoon for Rancho del Campo. Initial samples taken Wednesday indicate there may be unacceptable levels of E.coli. Additional samples have been taken, and results from these additional samples should be available by Sunday evening.

Based on the initial sample results, the County has issued the Boil Water Order as a standard precaution to protect public health. Fewer than 50 homes are affected by this order. Other affected customers include several commercial establishments and the Railway Museum, Post Office, a church, Mountain Health Center, and the Campo Fire and Rescue Station. The US Border Patrol Station, Sheriff's sub station, a probation camp and road station are affected as well. For the affected homes, the County will provide bottled drinking water, and the water will be available at the Campo Fire and Rescue Station at 437 Jeb Stuart Road across the street from the Campo Post Office.

Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The presence of E.coli bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other systems. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with a severely compromised immune system.

The Boil Water Order was issued to ensure all water used by the consumers is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

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